

# Production and Stocks of Titanium Dioxide: May 2003

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Table 1. Summary of Production and Stocks of Titanium Dioxide  
[Quantity in short tons]

Month and year	Production	Stocks 1/
Year-to-date:		
2003.....	659,575	(X)
2002.....	635,730	(X)
<b>2003</b>		
May.....	134,619	177,092
April.....	144,035	175,684
March.....	133,571	153,735
February.....	122,170	157,980
January.....	125,180	150,769
<b>2002</b>		
Total.....	1,553,513	(X)
December.....	136,108	150,537
November.....	123,359	137,502
October.....	133,689	131,917
September.....	126,325	135,885
August.....	132,345	143,872
July.....	137,273	151,551
June.....	128,684	151,118
May.....	139,574	158,106
April.....	132,375	154,603
March.....	129,794	173,533
February.....	111,890	170,380
January.....	122,097	166,930

X Not applicable.

1/Represents total stocks of producing companies at end of period,  
including amounts held at locations other than producing plants.

Table 2. Summary of Production, Exports, Imports, and Apparent Consumption of Titanium Dioxide  
[Short tons]

Month	Quantity produced	Change in stocks 1/	Exports of domestic merchandise 2/	Imports for consumption 3/	Apparent consumption 4/	Percent imports to apparent consumption
<b>2003</b>						
May.....	134,619	1,408	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
April.....	144,035	21,949	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
March.....	133,571	(4,245)	60,275	26,373	103,914	25
February.....	122,170	7,211	46,761	19,865	88,062	23
January.....	125,180	232	50,353	18,782	93,377	20
<b>2002</b>						
Total.....	1,553,513	(24,866)	595,066	254,828	1,238,141	21
December.....	136,108	13,035	53,470	16,186	85,788	19
November.....	123,359	5,585	51,873	18,296	84,198	22
October.....	133,689	(3,968)	56,902	20,999	101,754	21
September.....	126,325	(7,987)	54,428	21,750	102,195	21
August.....	132,345	(7,679)	54,053	22,788	108,759	21
July.....	137,273	433	50,851	21,586	107,575	20
June.....	128,684	(6,988)	52,349	20,778	104,102	20
May.....	139,574	3,503	53,221	23,089	105,938	22
April.....	132,375	(18,930)	49,534	25,725	127,496	20
March.....	129,794	3,153	45,457	21,666	102,850	21
February.....	111,890	3,450	39,834	19,499	88,105	22
January.....	122,097	(8,473)	33,094	22,466	119,942	19

NA Not available.

1/Change in stocks is derived by subtracting the prior month's ending stocks from the current month's ending stocks.

2/Source: Census Bureau report EM 545, U.S. Exports; HTSUSA codes 2823.00.0000 (March 2003, 2,217,910 kg), 3206.11.0000 (March 2003, 47,872,878 kg), 3206.19.0000 (March 2003, 4,589,631 kg).

3/Source: Census Bureau report IM 146, U.S. Imports for Consumption; HTSUSA codes 2823.00.0000 (March 2003, 3,330,972 kg), 3206.11.0000 (March 2003, 20,155,325 kg), 3206.19.0000 (March 2003, 438,855 kg).

4/Apparent consumption represents new domestic supply and is derived by subtracting exports and change in stocks from the total of manufacturers' production plus imports.

Note: The export numbers based on the Harmonized System-based Schedule B are 2823.00.0000, titanium oxides; 3206.11.0000, pigments and preparations containing 80 percent or more titanium dioxide; and 3206.19.0000, pigments and preparations based on titanium dioxide, other. The import numbers based on the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States are 2823.00.0000, titanium oxides; and 3206.11.0000, pigments and preparations containing 80 percent or more titanium dioxide; and 3206.19.0000, pigments and preparations based on titanium dioxide, other.